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SUBJ: SYG'S APPEAL FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR LEBANON

REF: USUN 0733

1. USYG BUFFUM, WHO IS COORDINATING UN APPEAL FOR RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON, TODAY REQUESTED US HELP IN MEETING 50 MILLION DOLLAR GOAL. (HE HAS ALREADY APPEALED TO ARAB LEAGUE, AND EC-9 IS NEXT ON HIS LIST.) BUFFUM ALSO OUTLINED FOR US WHAT RELIEF PROGRAM ENTAILS.

2. BUFFUM SAID 50 MILLION DOLLAR FIGURE WAS ARRIVED AT FROM ESTIMATES OF FOUR-MAN UNHCR TEAM WHICH HAD JUST RETURNED FROM BEIRUT. HE EXPECTED COST ESTIMATES AND PRIORITIES TO BE REFINED CONSIDERABLY IN DISCUSSIONS THAT HE AND HIGH COMMISSIONER WERE SCHEDULED TO HOLD NEXT WEEK IN GENEVA. MEANWHILE, SECRETARIAT WAS WORKING WITH FOLLOWING UNHCR ESTIMATES:

A. 25.5 MILLION DOLLARS IS PRESENTLY EARMARKED FOR
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UNHCR, AND IS INTENDED TO COVER ALL DISPLACED PERSONS.

DP'S ARE ESTIMATED BY UN AT APPROXIMATELY 180,000 PEOPLE,
OR 36,000 FAMILY UNITS. THIS 25.5 MILLION DOLLARS IS IN
TURN BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) 7.2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT
NECESSARY TO ENABLE REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.
- (B) 5.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR HOUSE REPAIR.
- (C) 1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR MATTRESSES.
- (D) 1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR BLANKETS.
- (E) 1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CLOTHING.
- (F) 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR TEMPORARY SHELTER,
PRINCIPALLY TENTS.
- (G) 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR MEDICATION.
- (H) \$700,000 FOR SPECIAL FOOD FUND.
- (I) 4 MILLION DOLLARS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY REHABILITATION
IN RURAL AREAS.
- (J) \$800,000 FOR TRANSPORTATION
- (K) 1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CONSTRUCTION TOOL KITS.
- (L) TEN PERCENT OF ABOVE FOR CONTINGENCIES.

B. REMAINING 24.5 MILLION DOLLARS IS TO BE DIVIDED AMONG
OTHER UN AGENCIES AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) UNRWA - \$500,000 FOR REPAIR OF DAMAGE TO CAMPS AND
SCHOOLS.
- (B) WHO - 5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR MEDICINE AND
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.
- (C) UNISEF - ROUGHLY 14 MILLION DOLLARS FOR
CHILD-RELATED PROJECTS, THOUGH NO FIRM FIGURE HAS BEEN SET.

C. ESTIMATED FIVE MILLION DOLLARS MAINLY TRANSPORTATION,
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF TOTAL PROJECT.
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